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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 24, 2012**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on October 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present were Superintendent Ryan, Mr. Goho and Ms. Carroll. Mr. McNamee and Mr. Tedeschi were present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 12-10-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **2. Home Schooling.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent of the approval of the home schooling request as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-10-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Home Schooling Request submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Dempsey for**

**Andrew Dempsey – Grade 1. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.**

### **3. Field Trips.**

**No field trips requests were received.**

### **4. Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Policy.**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the N.P. Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Policy as presented. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-10-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the N.P. Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Policy as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **5. Revised Use of Property Policy.**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the Revised Use of Property Policy as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-11-06. Be it resolved that, at the**

recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the revised use of property policy as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **6. Communications.**

This matter was taken off the agenda.

## **7. Changes to Access to Public Information Act.**

Superintendent Ryan spoke about the changes to the access to public records act.

## **8. District Efforts on Race to the Top (RTTT)**

Mr. Goho spoke about this being the third year in the Race to the Top. He outlined the progress made in each area of the standards and the obstacles that the District faces.

# **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Discussion of Budget and Staffing at all Building Levels – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmeiri spoke about having 30 children in the first grade and 30 children in the 4th grade classrooms. He argued that no one can run a classroom with 30 children and felt that something needs to be done. He also talked about the fact that the elementary schools have more children than the middle schools and perhaps there should be more staff in the elementary schools. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Superintendent Ryan spoke about meeting with the principals tomorrow and suggested that he gather all the data and report back to the Committee. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to allow the Superintendent to make the decision to put an aide in the first grade class and to report back to the Committee as to the overages in the other classes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **2. Update on Donations and Sponsorships for Naming Rights for Schools, Rooms & Fields – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri reported that he is in the process of getting the pricing down.**

## **3. Volunteer Policy – Mr. Palmieri.**

**This matter was taken off the Agenda.**

#### **4. Overcrowding in Elementary Classrooms – Mr. Palmieri.**

**This matter was discussed under Item #1.**

#### **5. Electronic School Committee Packets – Mrs. Picard.**

**Mrs. Picard spoke about the need to use new technology and the cost of producing paper information packets for the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall to move to electronic School Committee packets by using iPads which will be the property of the N.P. School Department. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Superintendent Ryan added that before implementation, a cost/benefit analysis will be completed which may take a few months.**

### **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

**No requests were received.**

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Bids.**

**No bids were received.**

## **2. Resignations.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the following resignations: Eric Ferrara – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS Effective October 5, 2012 and Anthony Tarelli – Junior Band Director – Birchwood Middle School Effective October 1, 2012. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 12-10-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to accept the resignations as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **2. Retirements.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the retirement of Marilyn Mooney – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School Effective December 31, 2012. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-10-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the retirement as presented with regret. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr.**



**Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **3. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Leaves of Absence as follows: Ryan Clinton – Middle School Art Teacher – Ricci Middle School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective February 25, 2013 through March 28, 2013 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective March 28, 2013 through June 4, 2013; Jennifer Goulding – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS – Paid FMLA Leave Effective November 5, 2012 through January 22, 2013; Susan Jeschke – Teacher Assistant – Stephen Olney Elementary School – Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective September 26, 2012 through October 19, 2012; Karen Kittell – Teacher Assistant – McGuire Elementary School – Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective September 26, 2012 through October 22, 2012; Melissa Paliotta – Middle School Social Studies Teacher – Ricci Middle School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective February 25, 2013 through May 1, 2013 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective May 2, 2013 through June 4, 2013; Linda Parente – Yearbook Advisor – NPHS – 1 Year Only Effective 2012/2013 School Year Only; Jillian Ruggerio – Integrated Pre-K Teacher – Greystone Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective November 5, 2012 through December 3, 2013 and William Zambarano – Custodian – Stephen Olney School – 1st Shift – Unpaid Medical Leave Effective October 11, 2012 through a date to be determined. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs.**

**Reall as to Resolution No. 12-10-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **4. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Michael Branca – High School Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach (1 Year Only) Effective 2012/2013 Season Only; Stephanie Capraro – Elementary Student Data Facilitator – Effective 2012/2013 School Year Only Pending Grant Funding; Sandra Fleming – High School Principal's Secretary – NPHS Effective October 25, 2012; Jody Graziano – Elementary Student Data Facilitator – Effective 2012/2013 School Year Only Pending Grant Funding; Dina Silvaggio – ELL Coordinator Effective 2012/2013 School Year Only Pending Grant Funding; Adriana Turco – Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 – Centredale School – Long-Term Substitute – 1st Step/BA Effective November 5, 2012 through June 12, 2012; Sarah Votolato – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS Long-Term Substitute – 1st Step/MA Effective October 25, 2012 through June 12, 2013; Mary Wojcik – Special Education Pre-School Coordinator Effective November 5, 2012 Pending Grant Funding; and Dana Yepremian – Lead Reading Teacher Effective 2012/2013 School**

**Year Only Pending Grant Funding. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-10-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**The Chair asked the appointees to stand and receive recognition and applause.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old Business was presented.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-10-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School**

**Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of October 2012 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-10-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the October 2012 List of Bills in the amount of \$864,538.07. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Superintendent Ryan explained that the Minutes were ready but there was a problem**

**with the email transmission and they will be provided as soon as the practical.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**Public comments were received.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence**

**School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee:**

**Date Approved by the Committee:**